IN THE UNITEDES ATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Nobuyuki SUDA

Group Art Unit: 3724

Application No.: 10/578,510

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Examiner:

J. DEFRANK

Filed: May 8, 2006

Docket No.:

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For:

PIERCING DEVICE

MAIL STOP RCE

LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicant hereby requests continued examination.

Applicant further requests entry and consideration of the attached submission.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 218139 in the amount of \boxtimes \$810.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461.

Respectfully submitted,

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